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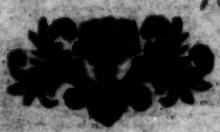
ON THE

DANGERS arising from POPERY and DISAFFECTION;

OCCASIONED

By the Seizing of certain PAPERS in a *Popish* Chapel in the North-West *Highlands* of *Scotland*.



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My LORD,

ANIMATED with the same disinterested Zeal for the publick Welfare, which prompted me last Year to address your GRACE on *certain Points of the last Importance to these Nations* *; and continuing in my former Opinion, of the peculiar Propriety of applying to your Grace,

* "A Letter to the most noble *Thomas*, Duke of *New-castle*, on certain Points of the last Importance to these Nations: Being an Enquiry, I. Into the genuine Sources of Disaffection in both Parts of *Great-Britain*, separately considered, from the Abdication of King *James* IId to the present Time. II. Into the most rational Measures for effectually extinguishing the Remains of the present detestable Rebellion, &c." *London*, 1746. Printed for H. WHITRIDGE.

not only on account of that moſt honourable and elevated Station which you have ſo long and ſo deſervedly filled in the State; but alſo by reaſon of the perfect Knowledge which every *cordial* Friend of the Proteſtant Succeſſion, and of our excellent Conſtitution, has of your inviolable Zeal for, and Attachment to both: In which your Grace, and your illuſtrious Brother, have the ſignal Honour to have moſt eminently and ſtedfaſtly diſtinguiſhed yourſelves from your earlieſt Youth *. I have a ſecond Time preſumed to approach your Grace on a very important Branch of my former Letter, *viz.* The Danger which his Majeſty, and all his Proteſtant Subjects, are expoſed to, from the reſtleſs Plots and Machinations of the very worſt Set of People under Heaven that profeſs the Chriſtian Name, *the Papiſts of the* Britiſh *Dominions*; who, whilſt they enjoy the invaluable Bleſſings of civil Liberty, in a Degree beyond what any other People upon Earth can boaſt of, and are at the ſame Time treated with ſo much Lenity in religious Concerns, are nevertheleſs inceſſantly labouring to overthrow the very Eſſence of their own and our Felicity, the beſt framed Syſtem in the Univerſe, for ſecuring the laſting Happineſs of all that live within the Circle of its benign Influence!

What has more immediately given Riſe to the preſent Addreſs to your Grace, is the Peruſal of certain Papers which were laſt Summer ſeized in the *M'Donald*'s Country, in the North-weſt Highlands, by the *Argyleſhire* Militia; whoſe ſeaſonable and effectual Services,

* *Semper honos, nomenque tuum, laudeſque, manebunt.*

Services, on ſo many other Occaſions during the late Rebellion, are too well known to your Grace, and to the Publick, to need here to be enlarged on: Nevertheleſs, as they were the more immediate Inſtruments of this Seizure, I could not with Juſtice here omit the mentioning of them, together with the following remarkable Circumſtances attending that Service, with the conſequent apprehending of the (late) Lord *Lovat*; as I had it from the Mouth of a Gentleman who was a principal Actor therein, to whom I am likewiſe indebted for being allowed to take Copies of the original Papers ſeized.

"On the 8th of *June*, 1746, Major General *Campbell* ſailing with the Bulk of his "Forces from *Tobermory* in the Iſle of *Mull*, "up *Loch-Swinart*, the Country of the *Camerons* and other Rebels, he detached Captain *Duff*, of his Majeſty's Ship the *Terror*, and Captain *Ferguſon*, of the *Furnace*, "accompanied with ſeveral Tenders, to range "and clear the Coaſt of the more weſterly "Continent and Iſles, and to look for the "Pretender's Son and other Rebel Chiefs; "as alſo, to receive from the common Peo"ple their Arms and Ammunition. For "the more effectual Execution of theſe im"portant Services, the General reinforced "them with a ſtrong Detachment of General "*Guiſe*'s, and a few of General *Johnſon*'s Re"giments of Foot, commanded by Captain "*James Miller*; together with two *Argyle*"*ſhire* Companies commanded by Captain "*Dougald Campbell*, of *Achachroſan*, and Cap-

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" tain *Dougald Campbell*, of *Cruachan*. They " accordingly proceeded to *Moydart*, and *Ar-* " *ſaig*, where they found a great Quantity of " Arms, and forty Barrels of Powder, hid " amongſt the Rocks and Woods.

" Having apprehended ſeveral of the Re- " bels in thoſe Parts, they learn'd from them, " that Lord *Lovat*, with his Servants, and a " Guard of well-armed and reſolute Men, had " retired into an Iſland in *Loch-Morar*, a " Freſh-water Lake twelve Miles in Length, " and ſomewhat more than a Mile diſtant " from the Weſt Sea-Coaſt. In this pleaſant " little Iſland, his Lordſhip lived with *M'Do-* " *nald* of *Morar*, the Proprietor of it, and " his Brother Biſhop *Hugh M'Donald*, the " Pope's Apoſtolical Vicar of *Scotland*; toge- " ther with one Dr. *M'Donald*, and ſeveral " others of that rebellious Family. Here " they deemed themſelves perfectly ſecure; " having for that End brought all the Boats " on the Lake to their Iſland, never once ſuſ- " pecting the Poſſibility of his Majeſty's For- " ces being able to bring any Boats from the " Sea, over Land, into this Lake, to diſturb " their ſecure Retreat; but they ſoon found " themſelves wofully miſtaken: For three " hundred Men were quickly landed from " the King's Ships on that Coaſt, under the " Command of Captain *Ferguſon*, and the " two Captains *Campbells*, before-named, with " the regular Subalterns. Theſe performed a " moſt difficult and dangerous March of nine " Miles, from *Arſaig* to *Loch-Morar*, over " inconceivably rugged Rocks, where oft-times " but one Man abreaſt could clamber. Upon

" their

" their Arrival at this Lake, they immedi-
" ately ſpread themſelves oppoſite to the Iſle,
" and in View of the Rebels thereon; who,
" concluding themſelves quite free from Dan-
" ger, fired on our People, at the ſame Time
" calling them by inſulting and opprobrious
" Names, being near enough to be heard.
" This Exultation, however, was quickly at
" an end; for the King's Ships having ſailed
" round to that Part of the Coaſt where their
" Boats had little more than a Mile to be car-
" ried over Land to the Lake, (the Brook
" that runs from the Lake into the Sea, near
" that Place, being too ſmall for Navigation)
" the Rebels immediately loſt all Courage, upon
" obſerving the Men-of-Wars Boats moving
" over Land towards the Lake; and ſuddenly
" taking to their own Boats, they rowed up
" the Lake with the utmoſt Precipitation;
" inſomuch, that altho' the *Argyleſhire* Men
" ſwiftly purſued on both Sides the Lake, and
" that our own Boats followed, as ſoon as
" they could be got into the Lake, yet all the
" Rebel Gentry, *M'Donalds*, eſcaped into
" the Mountains, excepting the before-named
" Dr. *M'Donald*, whom our People appre-
" hended and brought back to the Iſland, to-
" gether with the Boats of thoſe Rebels. Here
" they found the before-named Popiſh Biſhop's
" Houſe and Chapel, which the Sailors quickly
" gutted and demoliſhed, merrily adorning
" themſelves with the Spoils of the Chapel.
" In the Scramble, a great many Books and
" Papers were toſs'd about and deſtroy'd.
" One of the *Argyleſhire* Gentlemen, however,
" happened to get into his Hands the few

" Papers which have occaſioned this Addreſs.

" Upon examining the Priſoners, 'twas con-
" cluded, that Lord *Lovat*'s Lameneſs muſt
" have render'd it utterly impracticable for
" him to travel in ſo rugged a Country, and
" that therefore he muſt probably lie con-
" cealed in one or other of the numberleſs
" Caves at the upper End of this Lake, where
" the Boats had landed him. 'Twas there-
" fore determined to make diligent Search
" every where thereabout. This Service was
" performed by Captain *Ferguſon*, and the
" other Officers and Men, with unwearied
" Diligence, for three Days and Nights; when
" at length Captain *Campbell* of *Achabroſſan*,
" found that unhappy Lord lying on two Fea-
" ther-beds, not far from the Side of the Lake,
" to whom he ſurrendered and delivered up his
" Arms and ſtrong Box. Hereupon his Lord-
" ſhip was put into one of our Boats, and rowed
" down the Lake; at the lower End of which
" our Sailors *made a Run with him* (as they
" termed it) over Land to the Sea-Side, the
" Pipers all the while playing the Tune called
" *Lord* Lovat's *March*, with which his Lord-
" ſhip pretended to be pleaſed. And, finally,
" they carried him on board of Captain *Fer-*
" *guſon*'s Ship."

I ſhall next give your Grace and the Pub-lick the Subſtance of the Papers found in the ſaid Popiſh Chapel; which, though but few in Number, do exhibit a clear View of *the Dangers ariſing from Popery every where*, but more eſpecially and peculiarly in the ſaid *North-Weſt Highlands*; a Part of the Country,

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my Lord, which requires to be more narrowly looked into than any other Part of *Great-Britain* whatſoever; ſeeing from thence, *viz.* from the Country of the *M'Donalds*, *Camerons*, &c. all the Rebellions ſince the Revolution, have been mainly ſupported; and in which the laſt Rebellion took its immediate Riſe, as well as great Support. It is, my good Lord, amongſt this worſt of People, (many of whom are moſt cruel and barbarous Thieves and Murderers, as well as Traitors) that *the Pretender to his Majeſty's Crown* may be truly ſaid to have a Standing Army, ever ready for his Service. And amongſt theſe, *M'Donalds* more eſpecially, will be found a great Body of relentleſs Foes to the *Proteſtant* Name. Here the *Roman Vicar Apoſtolical*, and his ſubordinate Tools the *Miſſionaries*, exerciſe their Functions almoſt as freely as if tolerated by Law, in ſpite of the unwearied Oppoſition they meet with from the legal and loyal Proteſtant Clergy and Schoolmaſters; becauſe amongſt a Gentry and Commonalty devoted to their Cauſe, as the following Papers will evince. Upon all which, I ſhall afterwards beg leave to make ſome farther Remarks.

PAPERS

PAPERS found in a Popiſh Chapel in the Iſle of Morar.

NUMB. I.

Biſhop *Gordon*'s Mandate to the Popiſh Clergy and Laity in the *Highlands*, dated the 29th of *October* 1731. viz.

"*To all the Churchmen, and honourable Ca-*
"*tholick Gentlemen in the Highlands of*
"Scotland.

*Ann.*1731. "THE UNIVERSAL PASTOR of the "Catholick Church, conſidering ma-"turely that my advanced Years cannot allow "me to ſerve you henceforth, as I have done "for many Years; and that it will prove "much for your Advantage, and that of all "the Highland Countries in *Scotland*, to have "a *Biſhop* conſtantly to reſide amongſt you; "has, in his great Wiſdom and tender Love "for you all, with the *Conſent*, and at the "*Deſire* of our SOVEREIGN, ordered the "moſt worthy Bearer, the moſt Reverend "*Hugh Mac-Donald*, to be conſecrated Bi-"ſhop, to ſerve among you, as your chief "Paſtor and Biſhop. And his Holineſs ſend-"ing him as Biſhop among you, appoints "him alſo *Vicar-Apoſtolical*, with ſingular "Powers, to enable him to diſcharge this "Office with the greater Honour and Au-

"thority.

" thority. Injoining you all to be ever o-
" bedient and ſubmiſſive to this your moſt
" Reverend Biſhop, who alſo ſpecially repre-
" ſents the *Pope*'s Perſon; and to execute all
" his Orders and Commands: Aſſuring, that
" he will with his ſupreme Authority ſupport
" this your moſt Reverend Biſhop's Authority
" and Commands. Threatning, at the ſame
" Time, the moſt ſevere Cenſures againſt any
" ſuch as were ſo wicked as to be diſobedient
" or refractory. It belongs to me, of Duty,
" to intimate to you theſe moſt pious Inten-
" tions of his Holineſs, which he has made
" known to me; that, by honoring and obey-
" ing faithfully this your moſt Reverend Bi-
" ſhop, you may ſhew the more dutifully your
" Reverence and Reſpect to the *ſupreme*
" *Paſtor*.

" Your exemplary Obedience and Submiſ-
" ſion to this your moſt honorable Paſtor,
" will be a moſt aſſured Means to draw down
" upon you all continually the ſpecial and
" moſt plentiful Bleſſings of Heaven, and
" will ever prove a moſt ſingular Comfort to
" me, who have ſerved you ſo long, and ſtill
" retain ſuch a tender Love to you all in
" Chriſt."

" Edingburgh, 29th
" Octob. 1731. " *Ja. Ep. Nicop. Vic.*
" *Ap. in planis Scotiæ.*"

This Paper is ſo plain, that ſcarce any farther Remarks are neceſſary than juſt to obſerve, that the *Pretender*, whom the Biſhop here calls their *Sovereign*, actually directs the Affair of this Miſſion as a *Sovereign*, as far as

his Holineſs will permit any Secular Sovereign to do: And that this is likewiſe undoubtedly the Caſe, in all other Parts of *Great-Britain* and *Ireland*. And indeed it would be abſurd to ſuppoſe any Papiſt, continuing conſiſtently to be ſuch, ſincerely to acknowledge any other Sovereign. In this they are all abſolutely uniform; and 'tis owing to our own Blindneſs with a Witneſs, if we cannot ſee that every Papiſt in theſe Kingdoms is alike invariably, though not alike explicitly, our determined, implacable Foes; either as we are Proteſtants, or as faithful Subjects of our legal *Proteſtant* King.

The next Paper I ſhall ſpeak of, is too prolix to be exhibited intire; being Inſtructions from the Popiſh Clergy in the *Highlands*, to one of their Number whom they ſent as their Agent to *Rome* in the Year 1735. accompanying alſo his Biſhop thither.

NUMBER II.

"Inſtructions for Mr. *John Tyrie*, who "with the Conſent and Approbation of his "Fellow Miſſionaries, in a Meeting held at "the Iſle of *Morar*, *in Montanis*, on the "14th and following Days of *April* 1735. "was choſen by our moſt Reverend Biſhop "*Hugo M'Donald*, Vicar-General *in Mon-*"*tanis Scotiæ*, to accompany him to the Old "Town," [*i. e.* ROME,] "in Proſecution "of the Affairs Spiritual and Temporal of "our *Highland* Miſſion."

Theſe Inſtructions conſiſt of twenty-one Articles, many of which related purely to

Tyrie's taking Care of his *Biſhop*, both going and returning; and concerning their own particular and ſeparate Intereſt, as *Highland Miſſionaries*, as Contra-diſtinguiſhed from the *Lowland* Miſſion, who have a diſtinct *Biſhop* and Vicar-General; which laſt Miſſion the *Highland* Miſſionaries thought to be more favoured at *Rome*, in Point of Temporal Concerns, than they were. I ſhall therefore only exhibit ſuch of the Articles of thoſe Inſtructions as do more immediately relate to their Propagation of *Popery* and Diſaffection in that Country, *viz.*

"ART. V. The ſaid Mr. *John Tyrie* ſhall "ſuggeſt to our moſt Reverend Vicar, while "there [*i. e.* at Rome] the following Mo-"tives for obtaining Redreſs of our Difficulties "both Spiritual and Temporal.

"That ſeeing we had no Subjects from "*Paris*" [*Scots*] "College, for above twenty "Years paſt; nor did the Superior thereof "call for Youths from our *Highlands*, for "upwards of fifteen Years paſt. Therefore, "all poſſible Means ſhall be uſed with our "*great Friend*" [*i. e.* the Pretender] "to "concur with our moſt Reverend Vicar in "procuring ſuch a Reformation of that "Houſe, as to render it more uſeful in Time "to come to the *Highland* Miſſion. For ef-"fectuating of this, That it be repreſented "to our ſaid *Great Friend*, how *all his beſt* "*Friends here* are intereſted in the Good of "this Miſſion; and that *the Increaſe of Ca-*"*tholicks here, will much advance his own In-*"*tereſt:* That nothing will be more agree-

" able to them, than that the ſame Houſe " educate their Children, as it does thoſe of " the Low-Country," [of *Scotland.*]

" ART. VII. For obtaining what we deſire, " in this Point, from our *Great Friend*, 'tis " ordered, that the Letters formerly ſent by " both Vicars Apoſtolical, and ſome of their " Clergy then preſent, be preſented to *him*, " if they can be had; otherwiſe the Copies " of the ſaid Letters which are here.

" ART. VIII. That the ſaid Mr. *John Tyrie* " carry along with him a Copy of the Ca- " techiſm reprinted with Additions; and " mind our moſt Reverend Vicar to lay it be- " fore the Perſons concerned there, to have " their Judgment upon the ſame.

" ART. IX. For obtaining Aſſiſtance from " the *Propaganda* * in our Wants; " That it be repreſented, That if we had " neceſſary Charges, we could, under God, " make conſiderable Converſions in the Coun- " try about us.

" ART. X. That the *Propaganda* be in- " formed of the Methods that the *Enemies of* " *the Truth fall on* for extirpating it. Such " as, the CHARITY-SCHOOLS, founded on " purpoſe to intice and imbibe Youth with " bad

* The Committee of Cardinals at *Rome*, ſtiled *the Sacred Congregation* for the Propagation of the Catholick Faith in Heretical and Infidel Parts of the World.

" bad Principles" [meaning the Schools under the Management of the incorporated *Society in* Scotland, *for propagating Chriſtian Knowledge.*] " The yearly Penſions beſtow-
" ed for maintaining *Itinerant Preachers* a-
" mong our People. The erecting of *new*
" Pariſh-Miniſters in ſuch Places where our
" *Folks* moſtly prevail in Number;" [The Eſtabliſhed Church of *Scotland* and the Nobility and Gentry of that Perſuaſion, have, ſince the Revolution, erected ſeveral ſuch *new Pariſhes* in the diſaffected and *Popiſh Parts* of that Country; which has proved of great Benefit.] " And all theſe three Foundations
" are principally deſigned againſt our *High-*
" *land Countries.* Nor muſt it be forgot to
" repreſent, That the 1000 *l. Sterling*" [annually] " allowed by *King George* to *Itine-*
" *rant Miniſters* in the *Highlands* *, is in a
" great Part employed in perverting Catho-
" licks by Bribery. That our Parts, ge-
" nerally ſpeaking, have an Inclination to the
" *Faith*; All our Chief Heads of Families
" no wiſe hindering their Followers. That
" all this be laid before our *Great Friend*, as
" a Motive to gain him over to *our* Intereſt.

* The 1000 *l. per Ann.* for this excellent Purpoſe was begun by his late Majeſty King *George* I. and is graciouſly continued by his preſent Majeſty: But the above Accuſation of perverting (as they term it) their Catholicks by *Bribery* with that Money, is notoriouſly falſe; and is ſaid here with no other View but to induce the *Propaganda* to grant them ſome ſuch annual Allowance in their Diſpoſal.

ART.

" ART. XI. That our preſent Number of *Labourers* [*i. e.* Miſſionaries]" " being but " *eleven*, and our *Catholicks* ſo ſituated in theſe " contiguous Iſles and ſmall Villages, that " one Miſſionary can ſerve but very few to- " lerably well; we abſolutely have need of at " leaſt double the Number we have at preſent, " with Subſiſtence for them. The *Propaganda* " then muſt be ſupplicated to afford both the " one and the other.

ART. XII. " That although both the " Colleges" [*i. e.* the *Scots* Colleges of *Rome* and *Paris*] " were rendered as uſeful for our " Purpoſe as they are capable of, yet ſtill we " ſhould want many of the neceſſary Number " of Miſſionaries. And even though we got " two thirds of both Colleges, yet they " would not be a Proportion to the Number " of Catholicks in the *Highlands*.

" ART. XV. That our moſt Reverend " Vicar, out of his Zeal for Religion, and " for the good of the Souls under his Care, " has, out of his ſmall Funds, begun a *Se-* " *minary* in our *Highlands*. Therefore the " *Propaganda* is to be ſupplicated to grant to " our moſt Reverend Vicar, ſuch charitable " Aſſiſtance as ſhall render him capable to " proſecute his moſt pious Deſign, without " which he muſt neceſſarily drop it †.

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† From the continuing of this Seminary *Anno* 1742. 'tis probable the *Propaganda* complied with their Requeſt.

" I *John Tyrie*, do ſolemnly ſwear and vow, " that I ſhall faithfully and diligently " concur, by the Grace of God, with my " worthy moſt Reverend *Vicar Apoſtolical*, in " all his Affairs, and, with the like Fidelity " and Diligence, ſhall diſcharge the Truſt " committed to me, by my Fellow Miſſiona- " ries, according to the Tenor of their above " ſigned Inſtructions given me. So help me " God and this his holy Goſpel.

" *Joannes Tyrius Preſb. in Mont. Scotiæ.*

" We under Subſcribers atteſt this to be a " true genuine Copy of the Original.

NILE M'LIE, JOHN M'DONALD,
JAM. GRANT, *Writer*. COLIN CAMPBELL,
ÆNEAS M'LACHLAN, JOHN TYRIE.

The

The next Paper is a LIST of the *Popiſh* MISSIONARIES, in the *Lowlands* and *Highlands* of *Scotland*, as they ſtood *Anno* 1740.

NUMBER III.

An. 1740.

Alex. Drummond,
Alex. Paterſon,
———*Hackett*,
Robert Gordon,
William Shand,
John Tyrie,
John Godſman,
George Gordon,
Alexander Gordon,
John Gordon,
George Duncan,
William Duthie,
Charles Crookſhank,
William Reid,
Æneas M'Lachlan,
John M'Donald,
Colin Campbell,
Nile M'Ovie,
James Leſlie,
Alexander Foreſter,
James Grant,
Francis M'Donald,
William Henderſon,
———*O'Kelly*,
———*O'Colgan*.

In all 25 Miſſionaries.

There are beſides, three other Perſons named as ſubſervient to the Miſſion, to whom annual Payments were made that Year out of the *Propaganda* Fund: *Viz. Archibald Anderſon*, Mrs.———*Arbuthnot*, and *Alexander Smith* of *Focabers*.

Upon this Liſt I ſhall only ſay, that it were much to be wiſhed a like Liſt could be produced of all the Miſſionaries in *England*, and particularly of thoſe in and about *London*. It would then I doubt too plainly appear, that the

the *Papiſts* are a much more formidable Poſſe than is generally imagined, and that the Romiſh Prieſts of one ſort or other, in, and within ten Miles of *London*, do, (as mentioned in my former Letter) exceed four hundred in Number.

NUMBER IV.

The next Paper is a farther Proof of their great Induſtry for the promoting of their Cauſe: "It contains Articles of Agreement, "dated the 1ſt of *May* 1742, betwixt the "before nam'd Biſhop *M'Donald*, and his "Brother *John Macdonald*; for the latter to "board and maintain *five Boys*, and a Maſter "to teach them." This Popiſh Seminary was to continue for five Years certain, and probably may be ſtill in being, and farther prolong'd, unleſs ſpeedy and effectual Means be uſed for clearing the Country of ſuch poiſonous Weeds. *An.* 1742.

NUMBER V.

The 5th and laſt Paper, is a ſhort *Cypher*; (found in the ſaid Popiſh Chapel) which tho' perhaps principally framed for the Advancement of the particular Intereſt of the *Highland* Miſſion at *Rome* with the *Pope* and *Pretender*; yet it ſhews how cloſely Treaſon againſt our State is connected with the very Being of thoſe Popiſh Miſſions. It is directed thus.

" A MONSIEUR

" Monſieur L'*Abbé Stuart*,

" Agent du Clergé *D'Ecoſſe*

" A ROME.

The CYPHER.

1. " *Hamburgh*, —ſtands " for *Rome*.
2. " *Weſt*, —" *the Highlands*.
3. " *Amſterdam*, —" PARIS.
4. " *Griſly's Shop*, —" *the* Scots *College* " *at* Paris.
5. " *Hamburgh Shop*, —" *the* Scots *College* " *at* Rome.
6. " Mr. *Cant*, —" *the Pope*.
7. " The *Change* —" *the Propaganda*.
8. " Mr. *Arthur*, —" *the King*. [*i. e.* the *Pretender*.]
9. " *Merchant*, —" *Cardinal*
10. " PHYSICIAN, —" BISHOP.
11. " *Labourers*, —" *Clergy*.
12. " *Birly*, —" *Jeſuite*.
13. " Mr. *James Grant*, —" *Biſhop Gordon*.
14. " *Grigſon*, —" Mr. *Cowreyer*.
15. " *Melvill*, —" Mr. *Thomas*.
16. " Mr. *Debree*, —" Mr. *Innes*.

As every Step the Popiſh Miſſionaries take in theſe Kingdoms for the Advancement of their Cauſe, is directly contrary to many Acts of Parliament of both Nations; it is no wonder they carry on much of their Correſpondence

dence by *Cypher*. I have lately had a Paper of this ſort ſent me from *Scotland*, which was found in another Popiſh Chapel laſt Year by an Officer of his Majeſty's Army. 'Tis a circular Letter, dated 9th of *October* 1732, ſigned by ſix of the Miſſionaries called Adminiſtrators, ſuperſcribed thus, "*To the V. R.* "[very Reverend] *the P. P.*" [Procurators] "*of the Clergy of Scotland.*

"V. R. and D. B." (*i. e.* very Reverend and dear Brethren.) It contains little or nothing worth while to tranſcribe, being only Inſtructions for the Conduct of all the Miſſionaries with reſpect to the People, *viz.* Such as, "for their frequently viſiting their People. "Againſt the marrying of Perſons when both "Parties are Proteſtants: Againſt the bap-"tizing of *Baſtards*, whoſe Parents are both "Proteſtants, *&c.*" ſigned by *James Gregory*, *Alexander Paterſon*, *Colin Campell*, *John Tyrie*, *Alexander Smith*, and *Geo. James Gordon*, Adminiſtrators.

Only in this Paper the like Cypher of Cant Names is uſed as the above exhibited one, *viz.* *Labourers* ſtand for *Clergy*, or *Miſſionaries*; *Amſterdam for Paris*; *Company* ſtands for the *Miſſion* in general. *Apprentice*, for *Novice or Student*; *Trade*, for the whole Buſineſs of the *Miſſion*; *Shop*, ſtands for the *Church*, H. H. for the *Pope*, &c.

I ſhall now, my Lord, make a few brief Remarks on the general Subject of the foregoing Papers: Firſt, with regard to the *Popiſh Miſſionaries* themſelves; and ſecondly,

to the poor *People* whom they retain in Error and Diſaffection.

Iſt. As to the *Miſſionaries*; I humbly apprehend, that, after what has ſo lately happened, and after what appears from the foregoing Papers, a wiſe and provident Government will no longer endure a Set of wicked Tools, hired by their mortal Foes, to be inceſſantly labouring to poiſon the Principles and Affections of the King's Subjects; more eſpecially as there are Laws in being for clearing the Country of them: And if ſuch Laws ſhall appear to be defective, they know where to apply for a Remedy.

Theſe Men have not only a Cardinal Protector at *Rome*, but an Agent conſtantly reſiding there for carrying on of the Intereſt of the Miſſion, as well as of a regular Intercourſe between the *Pretender* to his Majeſty's Crown and Dignity, and the Diſaffected in *Scotland*: They are therefore the Life and Soul of the Cauſe, and do certainly deſerve to be well paid by their Maſters, the *Pope* and *Pretender*.

'Tis true, our Troops, after the glorious Action at *Culloden*, by ſcowring the Highland Countries laſt Summer, made thoſe Vermine totally to diſappear for a Time: But ſince the withdrawing of our Troops into Garriſons, and fixed Stations *, they begin again to appear and act as formerly; and they will undoubtedly, (if permitted) redouble their former Efforts, in order to regain the Ground they have lately loſt.

* I have ſeen repeated Accounts of this.

And

And, altho' a ſtrict Execution of the Laws (aided, if there be Occaſion, by the regular Troops) may conſiderably retard the Progreſs of thoſe Miſſionaries, I nevertheleſs humbly apprehend, 'twill be in ſome meaſure impracticable to drive them intirely out of the *North-weſt Highlands*, ſo long as they have there ſo great a Number of their Votaries to ſhelter and conceal them from the Hands of Juſtice.

This brings me,

IIdly, To conſider the State of the *Popiſh Laity*, both Gentry and Commonalty, in that Part of the Country.

As to the Gentry, moſt of them at preſent have either fled the Country, or elſe are in Cuſtody, on Account of the part they acted in the late Rebellion. And as our wiſe Legiſlature have the State of hereditary Dependencies, *&c.* in that Country, now under their Conſideration, I ſhall not preſume to offer any Thing farther on that particular Head, than juſt barely to note, that when the preſent exorbitant Influence of the Gentry over the Commonalty ſhall be taken away, 'twill then be much more eaſy to inſtruct the latter in the true Principles of Religion and Loyalty, than it has hitherto been.

For the more effectual carrying on of ſo deſirable a Reformation amongſt the Commonalty in thoſe Popiſh and diſaffected Parts, what Methods can be ſo ſurely, ſo ſucceſsfully practiſed, as thoſe of which the *Miſſionaries* themſelves ſo loudly complain to the *Propaganda*, in the before exhibited Xth Inſtruction

ſtruction to TYRE? *Viz.* 1ſt, The *Itinerant Preachers* and *Catechiſts*. 2dly, The erecting of *new Pariſhes*. And, 3dly, The *Charity-Schools* under the Management of *the Society for propagating Chriſtian Knowledge in the Highlands and Iſles*.

Each of theſe three have been found extremely well calculated to anſwer the Ends for which they were deſigned. By the *firſt*, which doubtleſs his Majeſty will always graciouſly continue to ſupport, the poor Proteſtant People, who, by reaſon of the large Extent of their Pariſhes, live often very remote from their Pariſh-Churches, are inſtructed and preſerved in their Religion and Loyalty. By the *ſecond*, they are brought nearer to an eſtabliſhed Place of Proteſtant Worſhip, and their Miniſters can more eaſily viſit and inſtruct them; as alſo ſuch as they may endeavour to bring over from the Errors of Popery.

And, by the *third*, not only both the before-named Purpoſes are in a great Meaſure anſwered, but the very Roots of *Popery* and *Diſaffection* are more immediately ſtruck at, by *imbibing their Youth* (as the Popiſh Miſſionaries phraſe it, in their ſaid Xth Inſtruction) with Principles deſtructive of both.

I look, my Lord, upon theſe Schools as the moſt hopeful and excellent Seeds that can poſſibly be ſown in the barren *Highlands*, and which I am confident will undoubtedly, ſooner or later, bring forth in Abundance, the noble Fruits of true Religion, Loyalty, and Induſtry. What Pity is it not then, that nothing

* *Fas eſt & ab hoſte doceri.*

thing has been hitherto done by publick Authority for the Support of ſo palpable a Benefit to the whole Community; and that it has been hitherto left to ſtand on the precarious Bottom of private Contributions alone? By which Means alone, however, they have been enabled gradually to augment the Number of their Schools in the Highlands and Iſles to about 140; at which between five and ſix thouſand Children and Servants are inſtructed; yet as many more Schools are ſcarcely ſufficient for effectually anſwering the great Ends intended by them. What Pity, that the unaccountable Overſight (after the Defeat of the Rebellion, *Anno* 1715) which ſuffered *twenty thouſand Pounds*, deſtined by three ſeveral Acts of Parliament * for the erecting of Charity-Schools in the *Highlands*, out of the then forfeited Eſtates in *Scotland*, to be diverted to other Purpoſes, has not ſince been remedied?

The Legiſlature have it now in their Power, out of the many Forfeitures in that Country, not only to ſupply that Defect, but to enlarge the Benefit to the Publick, by ſuperadding a few *Working-Schools*, in different Parts of the *Highlands*, for the promoting of what is there ſo much wanted, a Spirit of *honeſt Induſtry*, *Agriculture*, *Manufacture*, and *Fiſhery*; for the laſt of which, that Country is better fitted than any other in all *Europe!*

Theſe, my Lord, are undoubtedly Points of the higheſt *national Concern*, both for our own and Poſterity's Benefit! and ſucceeding Generations,

* Anno 1 Geo. I. Cap. 54. Sect. 16. Anno 4. Cap. 8. Sect. 32. and Anno 6. Cap. 11. Sect. 42. of which more fully in my former Addreſs.

Generations, as well as the preſent, will, with good Reaſon, call thoſe Miniſters and Legiſlators *bleſſed*, who ſhall have the Honour to promote them!

Upon the whole, I find myſelf again under a Neceſſity of urging what I more particularly enlarged on in my former Addreſs to your Grace, *That the Papiſts of the* Britiſh *Dominions have, in very Truth, no* juſt *Claim to Protection, whilſt they* refuſe *that Fidelity and Allegiance to* OUR ROYAL HEAD, *which are the implied Conditions of it. That though they live amongſt us, they cannot be properly ſaid to be* of us, *ſince their Religion, Education, Maxims, Inclinations, Affections, and Allegiance, all are* foreign! and they have nothing that *truly denotes them* BRITONS, *but their Names and Language!*

With reſpect, more particularly, to our Papiſts in the *Highlands*, 'tis highly neceſſary to be known, that, altho', in point of Numbers and Wealth, they bear but a ſmall Proportion to the great Body of their Perſuaſion throughout the reſt of the *Britiſh* Dominions; yet, *firſt*, by reaſon of their Contiguity; (almoſt allthe Papiſts of the *Highlands* living in and neat that North-weſt Corner where the *Pretender*'s Son landed, and from whence he went off;) *ſecondly*, of their Remoteneſs from the Seat of Government; *thirdly*, of the Ruggedneſs of their Country, which renders them difficult of Acceſs; and, *fourthly*, of the yet more rugged Diſpoſitions of the People themſelves, they are certainly a very dangerous Set of Men to the publick Peace

and Safety; and whilſt ſuffered to remain in their preſent unreformed and unbridled Condition, 'tis greatly to be apprehended that their Country will continue to be an open Door for *Popiſh Pretenders* from one Generation to another; an open Door, I may ſay, for all foreign Invaders, and an *Aſylum* for domeſtick Traitors!

'Tis an Obſervation, my Lord, frequently in the Mouths of ſome of the wiſeſt as well as heartieſt Friends of the Publick, that we have been too apt to neglect the proper Improvement of the Advantages put into our Hands by the Defeat of former Attempts againſt our Religion and Liberties; too apt to forget the Dangers, the Storms, we had but juſt eſcaped! not ſufficiently attending to what dear-purchaſed Experience long ſince had taught us; that our domeſtick Enemies, in Conjunction with our foreign ones, are ever and inceſſantly laying Schemes for our Ruin; and that no ſooner is one Scheme defeated, than another is formed againſt us; and who can tell, but that they may even already be chalking the Out-lines of a freſh Rebellion, in hopes of our falling now into the like Supineneſs as heretofore? But, my Lord, we have much better Things to hope for from your Grace's unwearied Zeal and Vigilance for the publick Welfare. 'Tis at preſent happily in our Power to ſtrike effectually to the Roots of Popery and Diſaffection, without the Imputation of either Cruelty or Injuſtice, by enacting wiſe and ſalutary Laws, and (which is of greateſt Conſequence) putting the ſame, and thoſe already in Being, into their full

Activity. And, finally, by putting in Practice every other rational and Chriſtian Meaſure for bringing over the Enemies of our Religion, Liberty, and Tranquillity, to our and their own true and ſolid Intereſts. This is the earneſt Wiſh and Prayer of all the cordial Lovers of his Majeſty's Perſon and Government, and particularly of,

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